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Listening to You...

A common criticism of municipal, county, state and federal government is we do not listen to our constituents. These concerns are magnified when issues are controversial and are often accompanied by allegations of improper motivations on the part of government leaders. Regrettably, in the universe of politics there are a few bad actors who give substance to these complaints.

However, it has been my experience that the local elected and appointed officials in Cottonwood Heights are men and women of integrity and good character who are sincerely trying to serve their community and make it a better place. I believe further that these leaders are listening to their constituents and that the voice of the people is having an impact on the decisions made in this community.

A current example is the proposed 12-story building in the Old Mill Corporate Center. Last year the

property owners, Beckstrand and Associates, proposed to develop a 12-story office building. Aided by an articulate citizen, Mike Jenkins, we became aware that such a change would require an amendment to the city's general plan. We realized that allowing buildings taller than six stories would perhaps set precedent, so we decided to also look at other areas in the city where taller buildings might be considered in the future.

We opened the public process and received significant feedback. Ninety percent of that feedback focused on opposition to the building in the Old Mill Corporate Center. The process was, by design, lengthy. We sent out mailers last March, sponsored open houses, held public hearings and published information in our News Journal and in newspapers. Many felt the very fact we were allowing the process meant we favored it and that it was a "done deal." That

was not the case. We were sincerely seeking input from the public and striving to follow a course calculated to lead to a better-informed decision.

As you may know, the city has worked with Beckstrand and Associates on a design for their building that would stay within the current six-story standards. They agreed to this compromise. **There will be no 12-story building at the Old Mill Corporate Center.** This is just one example of how the public process has been effective and how your local leaders are listening to you.

In the square of public opinion, there are many and varied voices. Some feel that because they are shouting the loudest, their opinion counts the most. Others feel the need to use intimidating or threatening language or to be derogatory about those in public office. Still others take the initiative to publish their sometimes-inaccurate perspective of the facts and circumstances in an

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New PLANNING DIRECTOR

Cottonwood Heights Welcomes New Planning Director

Cottonwood Heights hired a new planning director in October. Brian Berndt will fill the position which was left vacant after Michael Black resigned the post in September and took a job with the city of Grant's Pass, Oregon.

Berndt, who has 25 years of experience in planning and urban development, said he is excited to work for the city and already has some ideas he would like to implement.



"We are going to create an organizational philosophy that

people will be pleased with," he said. "I want to be more proactive and get ahead of things before they become problems."

City Manager Liane Stillman said all the finalists had the necessary experience and good technical knowledge, but Berndt stood out because of his experience not only with planning and building but with managing city departments as well.

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effort to sway public opinion.

However, it is the steady voices of reason and understanding, those who take the time to study and consider all sides of an issue that seem to be the most effective. Civil public dialogue always yields the best outcome. We are fortunate in Cottonwood Heights that the majority of our residents are respectful in their approach and informed in their comments.

There is room in the square of public opinion for all voices whether they are loud or quiet, obnoxious or reasoned, informed or uninformed. But, ultimately, it is the responsibility of elected and appointed officials to sort through the cacophony of voices to decipher the basis of concerns and allow those concerns to inform their decision-making process.

Obviously, no decision will please everyone. Often, when a decision goes contrary to the opinion of a particular constituent, the conclusion is that the government officials did not listen. While this is a convenient conclusion, it is not usually accurate. The process leads to the conclusion, and consideration of all public dialogues is included in that process.

It is important to remember that every property owner has a right to petition the city for changes in land use. The fact that the city entertains a certain proposal is reflective of due process, not a bias in favor of that application. We attempt to treat all applicants equally and allow the process to dictate our consideration of all applications.

The significant public dialogue on important and controversial issues that now exists in Cottonwood Heights stands in stark contrast to the processes which were in place prior to incorporation. Even the controversial Tavaci project at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon has been affected by input from the public. What was once a proposal for a major mixed-use commercial and residential development has now been pared down to a solely residential plan. While still controversial, it has nonetheless been modified by public dialogue.

Here are a few more examples of how your city leaders have tried to be good listeners. We listened when residents of the Meadows Mobile Home Park were being affected by the sale of their underlying land and assisted them in defraying the costs of moving. We listened to residents along Dawn Drive to resolve a decades-old flooding problem with the canal behind their homes.

We listened to residents who were concerned about three office buildings approved by Salt Lake County east of Wasatch Boulevard and we were able to successfully convert that land to a trailhead and open space instead. We listened to traffic concerns on Oak Creek Drive and forever fixed the “Brighton Bump.” We listened to concerns about zoning along Highland Drive and after a year-long process did our best to address neighborhood concerns with the zoning decision we made.

We listened to concerns about public safety and formed our own police department. We listened to concerns about education and assisted in forming Canyons School District. We listened to former residents of Granite School District unfairly taxed by Jordan School District and took up their cause. These are just a few examples of efforts to carefully consider your concerns and respond appropriately.

I express appreciation to the good men and women that make up the Cottonwood Heights City Council and Planning Commission. I believe them to be honest, upright citizens serving Cottonwood Heights and making our city a great place to live. I know most city officials work diligently to respond to the voicemails, e-mails and letters they receive. We value citizen input and dialogue. We are humbled by the trust you place in us to make important decisions for our community. However, without your vigilant participation in the process, we could not make the best decisions. We appreciate your input and assure you that we are listening to you.

Historical Committee Looking For Two New Members

Are you interested in preserving the history and heritage of the Cottonwood Heights area? If so, we need your help with the Cottonwood Heights Historical Committee!

The committee meets monthly and works to collect stories, pictures, and artifacts that recount the founding and growth of present-day Cottonwood Heights and surrounding areas.

If our history interests you and you have a bit of time to spare, contact City Manager Liane Stillman by email at

lstillman@ch.utah.gov before Nov. 22. Please include the reasons you would like to be considered for the committee and any applicable skills that would qualify you as the best candidate for the job. Those appointed to the committee will begin their terms in January.

We look forward to your help in working to preserve stories from our city’s past!



KNOW ANYONE WHO NEEDS US TO SUB FOR SANTA?



The holidays are the time of year to help your neighbour, and Cottonwood Heights’ city employees will be conducting a Sub for Santa program again this year. If you know of a family in need this holiday season, please contact Candi Tanner at 801-944-7060 or by email at ctanner@ch.utah.gov. We ask that all nominations be submitted to Candi by Wednesday Nov. 24. We will then take donations and gifts for the families until Dec. 10. All information will remain confidential.

HISTORICAL QUESTION

Historical Question:
What resident of Cottonwood Heights was a B-24 tail gunner during World War II?
(find answer on later page)



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If you think you’re using more electricity today, you’re not alone. Most electric customers throughout Utah are too. Do you know why?

Walk around your house and count the number of electric appliances, electronic devices and assorted gadgets such as flat screen TVs, DVD players, game boxes, digital routers and conversion boxes, computers, printers, security systems, iPods and iPads, cell phone chargers, microwave ovens, and digital clocks (at your bedside and inside other appliances too). The list goes on and on.

If your home is like the average household, you’ll count about 25 electronic devices. That’s up from an average of three per household in 1980, according to the International Energy Agency. It’s doubtful that a home built in 1980 has enough electrical outlets to safely plug in all the appliances and gadgets you own today. Today’s homes are packed with electronic devices that have been on the market for only a few years, and many of us are increasingly dependent on these devices to deliver instant access to personalized entertainment, communications, and most of all, convenience.

The trend in increased customer use is evident in Utah where Rocky Mountain Power residential customers use about 26 percent more energy today than they did 20 years ago according to Douglas Bennion, the company’s Vice President of Engineering Services and Capital Investment. Also, the average electricity use among Utah residential customers has increased at a higher rate than the national average since 1990.

That seems at odds with the emphasis on energy-efficient refrigerators, washers and dryers, and other large household appliances. While it is true that the energy efficiency of many consumer products has steadily increased, customers’ buying habits have also changed. When it comes time to replace an old refrigerator, many consumers typically buy one with more cubic feet of storage space and more gadgets. The old one often goes in the garage for extra beverages and frozen

A Message On
Energy Use From



foods. Big screen TVs are hot sellers because consumers seldom buy the same size TV as the set it replaces. Furthermore, there are simply more electricity-consuming appliances on the market today than there were 20 years ago.

Comfort is another factor driving up electricity use, according to Bennion. Central air conditioning is a standard feature in most new homes today and many customers in older homes have converted their evaporative cooling systems to central air.

“It all adds up,” says Bennion.

What that means for Utah communities is that utility companies must build more power lines and substations to create more electrical capacity for homes and businesses. It’s not only new housing developments that need more electrical capacity but established neighborhoods as well.

“As customers buy more electrical products or remodel their homes, usage in established neighborhoods is outgrowing the capacity of the original system equipment,” said Bennion. “That means we have to upgrade existing substations and power lines if we can. Where that’s not possible, we have to build new facilities.”

So what does that mean for the future?

Salt Lake County’s population is projected to increase by almost 70 percent by 2040, bringing it to 1.7 million residents. As Rocky Mountain Power contemplated the new facilities required to meet growing customer needs, the company determined the best way to plan the electrical network of the future is to directly involve communities and major stakeholders whose decisions about development and transportation systems largely determine where greater electrical capacity is needed.

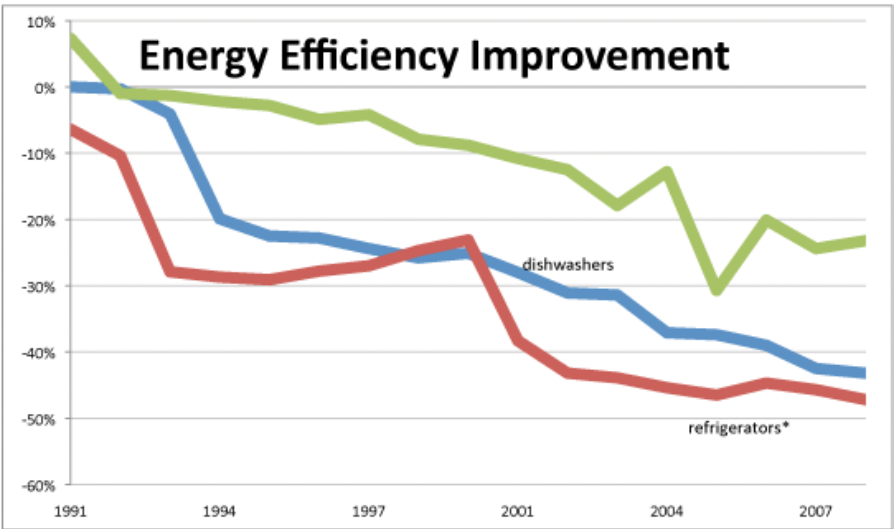
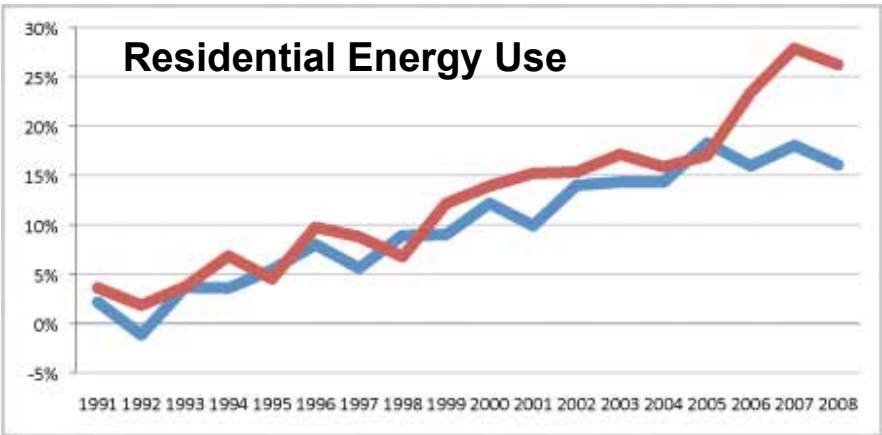
In an unprecedented collaborative effort to keep pace with Salt Lake County’s growth through 2040, Rocky Mountain Power invited a task force of

about 30 community leaders to work with the utility to integrate local governments’ long-term land-use plans with future electrical network requirements. Salt Lake County and every municipality served by Rocky Mountain Power in the Salt Lake valley appointed a representative to participate. An independent facilitator guided task force discussions while Rocky Mountain Power served as a technical advisor.

Over the course of nearly one year, local leaders developed and prioritized a list of community concerns to guide future electrical facility site decisions. They also identified preferred locations for new substations and power lines in areas where future growth and development potential is expected to exceed existing electrical capacity. The locations they identified are not site-specific. Rather, they represent the general areas where customers’ needs for new electrical capacity are expected to grow.

This planning process is the first time Rocky Mountain Power and community leaders have collaborated on a county-wide basis to discuss the impacts of future growth and development on electrical infrastructure requirements. The process will become part of the Salt Lake Cooperative County Plan and ongoing planning will take place in years to come.

Task force members and Rocky Mountain Power agree that an integrated approach to facility planning holds many benefits and will work together to incorporate the plan through a public process in each community. Identifying where electrical facilities are needed to support future growth will benefit local governments, transportation planners, developers, residents, businesses and Rocky Mountain Power. This type of clarity and predictability will not only help assure electrical capacity is available to meet communities’ growing development needs, but also make more efficient use of limited financial resources and minimize potential conflict in the future.





Chief's CORNER

When Should Older Drivers Surrender their Licenses?

I remember going to my parents' home and noticing new scrapes in the car and dents on the garage door and garbage cans. Eventually, we made the decision as a family that my father should give up his driver's license. It was a hard decision, but it was the best decision for everyone.

Many senior citizens don't know when it's time to turn over their car keys. They may fear that losing their driving privileges will cost them their independence, and to some extent it does. It's a fact of life that we all age, and in time many of our physical abilities deteriorate.

One of the things that we lose with time is our reflexive response, which is a necessary component of safe driving. The tricky thing with aging is that we don't all age at the same pace. There are some people in their eighties that are as sharp as a tack and capable of driving under most conditions. But there are others who endanger not only themselves but other drivers and pedestrians. I believe all drivers should be judged by their own abilities and not by

their age. Many older drivers will voluntarily stop driving at night, in heavy traffic or when the weather is bad.

The struggle is what to do if an elderly person doesn't realize when he or she is no longer a safe driver.

The struggle is what to do if an elderly person doesn't realize when he or she is no longer a safe driver. The decision to revoke an elderly person's license is a very difficult one to make. I occasionally get calls from concerned family members asking us to use our authority to send an operator back to the Utah Driver License Division for a reexamination of their driving privilege. At that point, if the decision to suspend or revoke the driver's license is made, the driver has the right to request a DMV administrative hearing. The administrative hearing is designed to provide an impartial judgment of driver license

matters.

We rarely use this tool because I know from personal experience that having a driver's license gives elderly family members the freedom to do their own errands, go to doctor's appointments and visit friends and relatives. On the other hand, taking this privilege away forcibly may be met with resistance, and other family members or friends must be prepared to assume the responsibility to shuttle mom and dad around to their appointments. It's also important to consider how the loss of a driver's license would affect an elderly driver's self-esteem, and balance that with possible driving dangers.

My suggestion is if you determine that your parents are no longer safe drivers, you should present them with facts and your observations when you confront them. Give them specific examples of why giving up their license might be necessary. Emphasize your concern for their safety and the safety of others so the elderly driver doesn't feel like everyone is ganging up on them. Most importantly, this should come



Chief Robby Russo

from family members as a unified effort. If your sister doesn't agree that dad should surrender his license but your brother does, dad will see the weakness in your approach and will be less likely to consider your request.

I'll end with some good news. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, even though the elderly are holding on to their driver's licenses longer, the safety record for drivers age 70 and older is improving. The institute found the most dramatic decline in fatal crashes was among drivers age 80 and older, and the rate of fatal crashes for that age group was cut almost in half from 1997 to 2008.

Temporary Road Closure
In Rolling Knolls Neighborhood

After a fatal car accident and complaints about traffic flow from residents in the area, the Cottonwood Heights City Council authorized some members of the Rolling Knolls neighborhood to form a citizen group whose sole purpose was to study traffic problems in the area and come up with possible solutions to present to the council.

As part of their research, the group asked for a temporary road closure on 6675 South at Nye Drive so they could collect traffic flow data and compare it to previously-gathered information. The city council agreed to their request.

Therefore, 6675 South at the corner of Nye Drive will be completely closed off from Nov. 4 through Nov. 9. Variable Message Boards in the area will remind drivers of the closure, and flyers have been distributed to the residents of that neighborhood.

The citizen committee will present its findings to the city council at a future city council meeting. Until then, residents with questions or comments can contact Councilwoman Nicole Omer at nomer@ch.utah.gov. We thank you for your patience.



New PLANNING DIRECTOR CONT'D

"He's worked in such a variety of planning environments and has had some very useful experiences with the types of developments we are anticipating in the future," said Stillman. "We welcome his energy and new ideas."

Berndt received his undergraduate degree in urban geography with an emphasis in urban planning from the University of Utah. He went on to earn a master's degree in public administration from Arizona State University.

He has worked in the city planning departments for Scottsdale, Arizona; Draper, Utah; Steamboat Springs, Colorado; and most recently in Avondell, Arizona.

Berndt has three children and five grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking and painting.

Of his new position with Cottonwood Heights, he said he wants to make sure to protect the interests of the city and serve its residents while maintaining a high level of integrity.

"I'M EXCITED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE," HE SAID.

ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?

Last month, Councilman Scott Bracken's message emphasized the importance of having a lot of assorted communications tools at our disposal in case of an emergency. The Machine Gun Fire in Herriman recently demonstrated this fact and proved how helpful it can be to have a variety of ways to send and receive information.

So, in order to follow that example, Cottonwood Heights has decided to add some tools to our toolbox by joining Facebook and Twitter! By utilizing these widely-used social networking sites, we hope that more residents will stay up-to-date on what's happening in our city.

You can "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/chcity to receive city information through your Facebook news feed.

On Twitter, follow CHCity to get up-to-date tweets about city meetings and events. During emergencies, the city will use this Twitter account to communicate updates and call for volunteers.

If you are interested in what the Cottonwood Heights Police Department is doing, follow CHPolice on Twitter to get breaking alerts about things such as traffic accidents and crime prevention.

If you don't use these social networking sites, never fear! Anyone can sign up for notifications on the city's website at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov. By entering your email address into the "Notifications" menu at the top of the page, you can customize which information you'd like to receive via email from the city, from meeting agendas to volunteer opportunities and more.

And stay tuned—we are gearing up to make changes to our website very soon which will make it even more functional and easy to use!



Community Culture

On Dec. 4, the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is teaming up with Karing for Utah Kids to present Saturday with Santa and the city's first-ever Winter Songfest at Cottonwood Heights Elementary from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday with Santa is designed to raise money for Utah children suffering from trauma or illnesses such as cancer and diabetes. While visitors enjoy free pictures taken with Santa Claus and free food, there will also be toys and blankets available for purchase at a minimal price. Games, drawings and face painting add to the fun. The money raised at the event will be donated to children's charities in the state.

Karing for Utah Kids has hosted the event for the past nine years, but this holiday season the program will include students and performers from all around

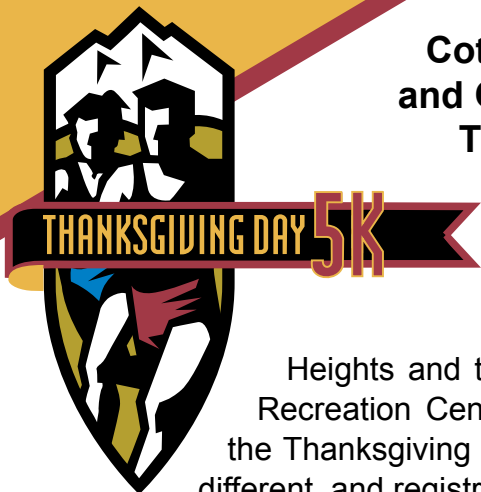
Cottonwood Heights who will serenade event-goers with holiday carols.

"This time of year is always a very special time for children, and we want to be sure those children have a bright and enjoyable holiday season," said Butch Jentsch, founder of Karing for Utah Kids. "Seeing the joy and the smiles on their faces is what continues to drive this effort year after year, and the addition of the Winter Songfest will make this a truly great holiday event for all."

For more information on the event, please visit www.utahkids.org.

TEAMING UP for Saturday with Santa





Cottonwood Heights and CHRC get ready for Thanksgiving 5K

It has become a city tradition—every year, Cottonwood Heights and the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center team up to sponsor the Thanksgiving Day 5K. This year is no different, and registration is now being taken for the Nov. 25 race.

However, this 5K is more than just a race. Organizers want people of all ages to participate and will hold a prize drawing as well as handing out awards to those who complete the race with the best times. And of course, anyone who beats Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore across the finish line will receive a commemorative ribbon!

This year, the city’s public works department is really getting into the spirit of the race by permanently marking the route with footprints. That way, as soon as this year’s event is finished, everyone can start training for next year!

As always, the race will begin at 9 a.m. at the rec center, which gives runners plenty of time to get the turkey in the oven before the event begins. Registration is being taken online at www.raceit.com until Nov. 20, after which participants must register in person at the rec center. Early registration costs \$20 for adults and \$15 for children age 11 and younger. Those who register from Nov. 21 until race day must pay \$5 more.

We hope to see you there!

RACE MAP



Total climb: 220 feet / 67 m
Total elevation change: 402 feet / 123 m

**Registrations online at
www.raceit.com until Nov. 20.**

Safety Message



SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS



Asst. Chief Mike Watson

Now is the time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. It is also a good idea to replace smoke detectors if they are more than ten years old. Newer-model detectors have photo-electric sensors and will alarm quicker than the older ionization-type detectors.

Proper placement of a carbon monoxide (CO) detector is important. If you are installing only one carbon monoxide detector in your home, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends it be located near the sleeping area, where there is a better chance that it will wake you if you are asleep. Additional detectors on every level and in every bedroom of a home provide extra protection against carbon monoxide poisoning.

Homeowners should remember not to install CO detectors directly above or beside fuel-burning appliances, as those appliances may emit a small, acceptable amount of carbon monoxide upon start-up. Also, CO detectors should not be placed within fifteen feet of heating or cooking appliances or near very humid areas such as bathrooms.

When CO detectors were introduced to consumers, they had a limited lifespan of two years. However, technology developments have improved the detectors’ lifespan and many are now advertised to have a lifespan of five or six years. Newer models are designed to signal the need to be replaced after that period of time.

Also remember that as the weather turns colder and we rely on our furnaces to keep us warm, we need to take the time to ensure that they are in good working order. Replace the filters for maximum efficiency and ensure that they have a “Green Sticker” indicating proper adjustment for current standards by certified technicians.





Sharing the Road: Bicycle Lanes

Over the last 50 years, the United States has enjoyed the most progressive development of infrastructure for automobile transportation in the world. Since the development of the interstate system in the 1950's, we have received tremendous economic benefits from our mobility with cars.

Today, as we reflect on our suburban development patterns and our vulnerability to high oil prices, it is easy to see the impact that automobiles have had on our way of life. This is especially true when we compare newer cities with older cities that were planned before automobiles were invented. Cars have really changed our way of life, in many cases at the exclusion of older forms of transportation such as bicycles.

Today, many people are demanding alternative modes of transportation. More and more, cars and trucks must share the road with other transport vehicles. Many cities have successfully striped thousands of miles of bicycles lanes to help cars and bikes coexist. These lanes help make bicycle and automobile movements more

by Brad Gilson

predictable. As safety and awareness increase, so does bicycle usage.

As "the city between the canyons," Cottonwood Heights attracts a very active community with many cyclists. City staff is currently reviewing every roadway in the city to determine which roads are candidates for bicycle lanes. Then, when a new road treatment is performed, bicycle lanes will be striped wherever it is feasible.

There are two main competitors for bicycle lane space: the vehicle travel lane and parking. If a road doesn't have enough space to preserve parking, we can paint the roadway with bicycle decals and make it a share the road bicycle route.

People often think that the bicycle decals are on the wrong side of the road stripes. But for narrow roads with shared parking, we must come up with designs that accommodate both parked cars and bicycles and therefore the decals are painted onto the driving lanes. The city meets the latest federal guidelines on

bicycle routes, as the bicycle decals are designed to increase driver awareness. As the roadways become safer, we hope more people are encouraged to ride bicycles, whether it is for work or recreation.

Remember that Utah state law requires that cars must maintain three feet of space between their car and the bicycles they pass. Having bikes on the road may seem unsafe, but millions of bicycles and cars coexist on the roads everyday on shared roads across the country. As we increase awareness, we hope we can help prevent those rare instances when bicycles and cars collide.





Public Works Update

Landfill Vouchers Available

Do you have large items lying around your property that you'd like to get rid of before the snow flies? You're in luck! The Salt Lake County Sanitation Department has provided landfill vouchers for residents of Cottonwood Heights through the month of November.

The vouchers are good for one \$10 pickup truck-sized load of bulk material to be dropped off at the Salt Lake Valley Landfill located at 6030 W. California Ave. All loads must originate from private residences, be covered and secured, and must not contain hazardous waste such as tires, batteries, paint, or oil.

Vouchers can be picked up at Cottonwood Heights City Hall until Nov. 30.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The November meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, November 2nd**
7 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 9th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting *(reconvenes following business meeting)*
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 16th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 23rd**
NO MEETINGS
- **Tuesday, November 30th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting *(reconvenes following business meeting)*
7 p.m. Business Meeting



HISTORICAL ANSWERS

Answer Que Historical question:

Eugene W. Price of Union entered into military service on November 23, 1943. He flew 24 bombing missions over Northern Italy,

Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, and Czechoslovakia before World War II ended on May 8, 1945.

"On my eleventh mission we had the most combat damage done to our plane of any of my missions," Gene said. "One of the engines was hit and put out of commission, the hydraulic system of the plane was hit and made useless, and we had hundreds of holes in our plane. We thought we would need to bail out over enemy territory, but our pilot decided to try to make it back to our base. We ran off the runway because of no hydraulic system to slow us down. We were lucky to make it back without any injuries."

Gene was honorably discharged on November 13, 1945. Cottonwood Heights salutes Gene and all of our veterans for their service to our country.



Emergency Preparedness Committee Launches New Website

No matter where you live it is important to be ready for any situation, and Cottonwood Heights city officials have always put an emphasis on city-wide emergency preparedness. However, because our city is situated near fault lines, it is particularly important for Cottonwood Heights residents to know how to react and survive in the face of a possible large-scale emergency.

For this reason, the city's emergency preparedness committee has put together a new website to help educate and prepare families, neighbors, and communities to respond more effectively to any emergency or disaster that may occur.

"It's been exciting to see people get ready to do something about it," said Debbie Mackintosh, a member of the committee who took the lead in creating the new website. "We are not just preparing for an event; we're shifting to a lifestyle of provident living."

The website, located at www.chgetready.com, was launched last month and contains everything residents need to start preparing for survival during a disaster.

The left-side City Information menu lists ways to get ready as a community. City communications and CERT training information is located here, as well as how to sign up to receive Reverse 911 calls to your mobile phone through the Valley Emergency Communications Center.

The District/Precinct menu shows the organizational layout of the city and how the CERT personnel in those areas will respond to an emergency.

Most importantly, the Supplies menu is a great tool for personal and family emergency preparation. This area of the site contains suggestions on what to have in your 72-hour survival kits, what to carry with you in your car, and what you need to store at home in order to carry on for long periods of time if needed.

The menu contains tips on how to shelter-in-place, create sources of heat and light, and make sure your shelter is sanitary. There is also a list of recipes that use items from your food storage to make delicious, filling meals.

Getting ready to sustain yourself and your family in the event of an emergency doesn't happen overnight. However, this new website is a one-stop shop for emergency preparedness. It puts everything you need in one place so that everyone can start to prepare to survive in case of a disaster. Please visit www.chgetready.com often, and let's get ready together!

Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation

online registration now available at

cottonwoodheights.com



COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS THANKSGIVING 5K Thursday Nov. 25 9 AM Start

Feel guilt-free eating your holiday turkey after you join us on Thanksgiving morning to celebrate the holiday with our annual 5k Run/Walk. **Register online at raceit.com** or in-person at Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center.



Facility Hours

7 AM-1 PM

Lap Swim

7 AM-9 AM

*Special cycle & fitness classes also available (**sign-up at front desk by Nov. 20**)*

Public Skating

10 AM-12 noon

Open Plunge

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Sessions V& VI

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